

Course Syllabus

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Credit / Hours	3	Classroom	

1. Course Description

The course aims to help students develop a broad understanding on how the United Nations system works in the actual contemporary world politics, on the major issues currently dealt with by the UN, and on how the UN has been involved in the issues related to Korea from the early years of its foundation up to the present time. The professor is a former Korean diplomat with wide ranging experiences with the issues.

2. Course Objective

It is designed to provide students with the knowledge of international politics surrounding the United Nations and with the understanding of UN's relationship with Korea in historical context. Important issues currently dealt with by the UN will also be discussed in that context.

3. Course Purpose

It purposes to help students understand the United Nations system and its workings in historical and contemporary context , and UN's involvement in the Korea affairs since 1945 . It also aims to acquaint students with the processes of negotiation and decision-making in multilateral setting and devdelop skills that can be utilized in a professional environment and that are necessary for further academic research

4. Course Features

The course consists of lectures using power point presentation. and individual and group presentations by students on specifically assigned subjects.

5. Course Type

Theory (), Theory, Practice (v), Practice ()

6. Assignments

7. Grades

Attendance	20%	Group work	%
Quiz	%	class participation	20%
Report	%	mid-term exam	0%
Discussion	20%	final-term exam	40%

8. Note

The syllabus will continue to be updated throughout the semester

9. Expectation

active participation by students in class is required

10. Required Text (Recommended Texts)

The Politics of Global Governance by Paul Diehl; The United Nations, International Organizations and World Politics by Lawrence ziring; Global Governance and the United Nations System by Volker Rittberg; The Two Koreas by Don Oberdorfer; Crisis on the Korean Peninsula by Michael O'Hanlon; Korea: A Study of US policy in the United Nations by Leland M. Goodrich; At the Court of Korea by William Franklin Sands; Asia Pacific in World Politics by Derek McDougall; Kim Il Sung, the North Korean Leader by Dae-sook Suh; The United States and Northeast Asia, edited by G. John Ikenberry;

week	Title	Content	multi-media	class room
1	Introductory and Organizational Session	orientation of the course	power point	
2	The UN in historical perspective	state system, International organizations, founding of the UN	power point	
3	Overview of the United Nations System I	structures, organs, functions, procedures	power point	
4	Overview of the United Nations System II	structures, organs, functions, procedures	power point	
5	UN over the last sixty – seven years	from the Cold War era to the present time	power point	
6	Korea and the UN I	the role of the UN for the Korean nation–state building; Korean War and the UN	power point	
7	Korea and the UN II	Korean Question at the UN after the Korean War till 1991	power point	
8	Specialized Agencies of the UN I	overview of Specialized Agencies of the UN	power point	
9	Specialized Agencies of the UN II	each student will make 15 min presentation on one of the issues of his/her choice of the Specialized Agencies of the UN		
10	Reforming the UN	Security Council Reform; Korea's and other important members' positions	power point	
11	UN and Collective Security	historical background and examples	power point	
12	Peacekeeping Operations	concept, current situation, Korea's involvement	power point	
13	Global Issues before the UN I	Agenda for the General Assembly of 2013	power point	
14	Global Issues before the UN II	students present their views on the issues of their selection		
15	Global Issues before the UN III	student presentations continued		
16	Final Exam	essay		